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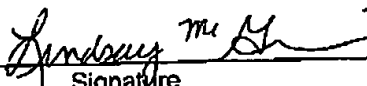
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 19, 2003, amend the claims to this application as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. Claims 1-26 are currently pending.

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tappan et al., U.S. Patent 6,603,756.

At column 5, lines 22-34, Tappan describes "... Although the general intention of OSPF is for all of its routers to maintain a common map of the networks within the routing domain, routers in many existing OSPF domains are sometimes configured to divide the domain into 'areas' between which there are topological-information differences. Specifically, certain routers